

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JUNE 7, 1961

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 p.m. of Wednesday, June 7, 1961. Councilmen Brown, Katzakian, Mitchell, Ullmann and Culbertson (Mayor) present; none absent.

Also present: City Manager Graves, Admin. Asst. Carlton, and City Attorney Mullen. Absent: Planning Director Rodgers.

MINUTES Minutes of May 17, 1961 were approved as written and mailed on motion of Councilman Katzakian, Mitchell second.

COMMUNICATIONS

FLAHERTY Letter from Flaherty Brothers withdrawing their  
USE PERMIT request for a use permit to establish a body and fender shop at 1004 South Cherokee Lane in the C-2 commercial zone. This makes unnecessary any action on the appeal of adjacent property owners which had been received by the Council at the previous meeting.

SISTER-CITY Letter from William J. Lange, President of the Lodi  
RELATIONS Rotary Club congratulating the Council and the City on the welcome given to Mayor Takano and Mr. Akiyama of our Sister City, Kofu. He also stated that in compliance with Mayor Culbertson's suggestion he had written to the Rotary Club presidents in Kofu and expected to obtain the roster and classifications of Kofu Rotarians to initiate correspondence with members of the local club.

U.S. TREASURER Communication from Dennis Campbell, Chairman of  
RECEPTION the Lodi Democratic Movement, inviting the Council to attend a reception and dinner honoring Mrs. Elizabeth R. Smith, Treasurer of the United States, on June 21. Councilman Mitchell moved the acceptance of the invitation and since June 21 is a regular Council meeting night, that the June 21 meeting be adjourned to June 22. The motion was ~~passed~~ seconded by Councilman Katzakian and carried.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CLAIMS Claims in the amount of \$160,523.28 were approved on motion of Councilman Katzakian, Brown second.

AWARD - The following bids were presented on concrete  
CONCRETE PIPE pipe: Spiekerman Concrete Pipe Company, \$15,620.10 and J.W. Mumbert Concrete Pipe Company, \$15,392.80. Both bids were plus sales tax and less 5% discount. On motion of Councilman Brown, Mitchell second, the Council adopted Resolution No. 2447 awarding the contract for the concrete pipe to the J.W. Mumbert Concrete Pipe Company as the lowest and best bid.

WITHDRAW Annexation of the Reynolds Addition having been  
REYNOLDS ADDN completed, Councilman Katzakian, Brown second,  
FROM MRCPD moved the adoption of Resolution No. 2448 withdraw-  
RES. NO. 2448 ing the Reynolds Addition from the Mokelumne  
ADOPTED Rural County Fire Protection District.

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SPEED LIMITS  
ON TURNER, E.  
LOCKEFORD AND  
CALAVERAS STS

ORD. NO. 695  
INTRODUCED

Since State law requires that any changes in city speed limits set by the Motor Vehicle Code be made by the adoption of an ordinance, the City Manager recommended that an ordinance be adopted to set the speed limits on Turner Road, and on East Lockeford Street and a portion of Calaveras Street which had previously been approved by resolution. Traffic and engineering studies had been made, and the Public Works Department recommended that a 25 mph limit be designated on Turner Road between the West City limits to 650 feet west of Ham Lane and that a 35 mph limit be designated from 650 feet west of Ham Lane to Church Street. Mr. Graves stated that the speed limit designated for East Lockeford Street was 35 mph and for Calaveras Street between East Lockeford Street and Murray Street, 25 mph. Councilman Brown moved the introduction of Ordinance No. 695 establishing the speed limits on Turner Road, East Lockeford Street and Calaveras Street as recommended. Motion was seconded by Councilman Katzakian and carried unanimously.

LOCKEFORD ST.  
WIDENING PLANS

RES. NO. 2449  
ADOPTED

The City Manager presented revised plans for the widening of West Lockeford Street which would include complete removal and replacement of the existing paving. The Director of Public Works recommended this change since studies have shown the existing street is off-grade and structurally below standard. It will cost an additional \$6,225.00 and if approved, a supplemental project statement will have to be submitted to the State Division of Highways. Councilman Mitchell stated that heretofore, because he is a member of the City Council, he had refrained from saying anything about the red zone that would be in front of his business establishment on West Lockeford Street due to widening of the Street. However, it would be a hardship to his business and he felt that in view of the protests of property owners at the east end of the project, the City should red zone the north side of the street at Pleasant Avenue instead of paying money for the right of way. Mayor Culbertson stated that he sympathized with Councilman Mitchell, but felt so much red zoning would not be feasible. Councilman Katzakian concurred. On motion of Councilman Katzakian, Mitchell second, the Council approved the revised plans and adopted Resolution No. 2449 approving the supplemental project statement for an additional \$6,225.00 and authorizing the City Manager to sign same.

LOCKEFORD ST.  
RIGHT OF WAY

City Manager Graves presented a deed and a letter citing conditions by which the deed was being offered from Marion G. and Marion T. Williams for right of way on Lockeford Street at the southeast corner of California and Lockeford Streets. The property owners are requesting \$452 for the property and damages and that the City pay costs of installing paving, curb, gutter, sidewalk, moving of sprinkler heads, etc. On motion of Councilman Katzakian, Brown second, the Council accepted the deed for \$452 plus conditions stated in the Williams letter.

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HOUSTON  
MINOR SUBD.

The City Manager presented a proposal from Glenn and Clare Houston concerning a parcel of land which they wish to subdivide as a minor subdivision which in turn requires dedication of land for street purposes. The property is being surveyed and when a legal description is obtained the Houston's and B.W. Fuller will dedicate the land needed for a street which would be east of the Fuller property at 653 East Pine Street. The Houston's are requesting a permit to move a dwelling onto the property to be subdivided before execution of the right of way deed since the State wants immediate removal of the dwelling from property that will be used for the Bypass. The Houston's have signed a subdivision improvement agreement and deposited \$5,565.00 to cover the cost of streets and utilities in accordance with subdivision ordinance regulations, and the City Manager recommended that their request be granted. On motion of Councilman Mitchell, Katzakian second, the Council accepted the proposal of the Houston's to dedicate land for street purposes and authorized issuance of a permit to move the dwelling in accordance with the City's building regulations.

SPECS -  
15 KV SWITCH-  
GEAR

Plans and specifications prepared by Rogers Engineering Company for a 15 kv switchgear required for change over of the City's distribution system were presented for approval. Councilman Mitchell moved that the specifications be approved and call for bids authorized. Motion was seconded by Councilman Katzakian and carried.

MC CLURE ON  
PENSION BOARD

Mr. Graves reported that J. Paul McClure had been elected by members of the Retirement System to fill the unexpired term of G.T. Killelea as the employee member of the Pension Board. On motion of Councilman Katzakian, Brown second, the Council approved the election of J. Paul McClure to the Pension Board.

BUS FRANCHISE  
TERMINATEDORD. NO. 696  
INTRODUCED

Mr. Graves stated that he had written to Mr. Andrew Mehrer, operator of the Lodi Transit System, asking what his plans were for resuming service since it had been brought to the Manager's attention that service had been halted. As a result of this letter Mr. Mehrer was present at the meeting to inform the Council of his intentions regarding his bus franchise with the City. Mr. Mehrer stated one of the busses needed repairs for which he did not have the money and that in any case running the bus did not provide a living and that he had not been successful in obtaining ads for the bus. He felt that the City and the Chamber of Commerce would be more successful in obtaining ads and besides he did not have time to solicit advertising. The City Manager stated that the City has cooperated with Mr. Mehrer in his effort to keep the bus system going and that in 1954 a committee had been formed to study the system and had made recommendations which it was felt would bring greater financial returns. Mayor Culbertson stated that the Council appreciated the efforts of Mr. Mehrer to keep the bus system running, but that the City could not subsidize the bus system. Mr. Mehrer said that he could not keep the system

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running under present conditions and was willing to terminate his franchise as of June 1, 1961. Councilman Mitchell moved that the Council accept Mr. Mehrer's request for a termination of his franchise and that Ordinance No. 696 repealing Ordinance No. 681, which granted the franchise, be introduced. Motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and carried.

WEST CAMPUS  
POOL

City Attorney Mullen reported that on June 1 the High School Board, of which he is a member, had met with Ed DeBenedetti, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, and the architectural firm of Falk and Booth to discuss the proposed swimming pool to be built at the West Campus and jointly financed by the City and the High School District. (Falk and Booth were the architects for the West Campus.) Mr. DeBenedetti and the School Board had approved hiring Falk and Booth to draw up plans for the pool and were now recommending that the Council also accept this firm. Councilman Mitchell moved that the firm of Falk and Booth be retained as architects for the pool at the West Campus. Motion was seconded by Councilman Katzakian and carried unanimously. City Attorney Mullen stated that the next step would be to draw up a contract between the School Board and the City for construction and use of the pool.

ORDINANCES

ANNEX MAYER  
ADDITION

ORD. NO. 694  
ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 694 entitled "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN UNINHABITED TERRITORY, DESIGNATED 'MAYER ADDITION' TO THE CITY OF LODI," having been introduced at the regular meeting of May 17, 1961, was brought up for passage on motion of Councilman Katzakian, Brown second. Second reading was omitted after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - BROWN, KATZAKIAN, MITCHELL,  
ULLMANN and CULBERTSON

NOES: Councilmen - NONE

ABSENT: Councilmen - NONE

PUBLIC HEARING

WM. NATHAN

Mr. William Nathan, who owns property approximately 200 feet west of Cherokee Lane between Almond Avenue and the City Limits which he wishes to develop as a trailer court, and who was granted City utilities since he wishes to have his property annexed, stated that he had made his deposit for utilities two weeks ago and that the Engineering Department had not yet made the connections and further, the Engineering Department was asking that he set aside seven acres for ponding of storm waters. City Manager Graves explained that the area in which Mr. Nathan wished to develop his trailer court was one of the most difficult to service because of the low elevation and the City has no place to take the storm water at the present time. Mr. Nathan stated that he could not afford to use seven acres for ponding storm water. Mr. Graves stated that City policy requires the developer to pay for utilities. In


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regard to the two weeks delay, Mr. Graves said that construction crews cannot be pulled off of one job to do another. Councilman Katzakian moved that the City Manager bring a report to the Council on the problem of servicing this area. Motion seconded by Councilman Brown and carried.

#### BUDGET

City Manager Graves, having presented the proposed 1961-62 budget to the Council, compared it to the present budget. He stated that there were no large increases, but he was recommending additional personnel in the Planning Department and the Recreation Department. The City Manager was recommending that an Engineering Aide be added to the Planning staff to relieve the Planning Director of much detail work so that he could make more effective use of his time by using it for dealing with the public and developing information for the Planning Commission and the City Council. He was also proposing the addition of a full time Recreation Supervisor and eliminating the part time positions of both the Director of Girls Activities and the Director of Playground Activities. This appears to be the best solution to the problem which has arisen because Mrs. Elvera Melby will be unable to continue in her position after this summer. He stated that an aquatic supervisor is also needed during the summer months to handle the swimming activities to relieve Orest Merry who has been performing this function in addition to his duties as Park Supervisor. Councilman Brown questioned the need for an Engineering Aide in the Planning Department, stating that the Planning Director was doing work for individuals rather than the City. It was explained that the work done by the Planning Director for the public was related to compliance with City ordinances.

Councilman Brown, Katzakian second, moved that the Council adjourn to June 14, 1961, 8 p.m. Motion carried.

  
ATTEST: BEATRICE GARIBALDI  
City Clerk